

June 17, 2005

To Members of the Board of Natural Resources:

Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands

Bob Nichols, for Governor Christine Gregoire

Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Bruce Bare, Dean, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner, Skagit County

R. James Cook, Dean (Interim), College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource

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Dear Members of the Board of Natural Resources:

In November 2004, the Board of Natural Resources passed Resolution No. 1141 authorizing DNR to implement the Lake Whatcom Landscape Management Pilot Project on approximately 15,000 acres of state forest trust land in the Lake Whatcom watershed area. The Board directed DNR to report annually on the results of implementing the landscape pilot project by July 1, 2005, and by July 1 of each year through 2011. The attached document is that report. Also as directed by the Board, DNR will deliver copies of this report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature to inform them regarding the status of this pilot project, which was directed by state law, 2000 Washington Laws Chapter 205 (E2SSB 6731).

Sincerely.

Doug Sumerland

Commissioner of Public Lands